

# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 16.

MONDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 1890.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT  
(The Honourable FRANCIS FLEMING, C.M.G.)

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE).  
 „ the Attorney General, (WILLIAM MEIGH GOODMAN).  
 „ the Surveyor General, (SAMUEL BROWN).  
 „ the Acting Registrar General, (NORMAN GILBERT MITCHELL-INNES).  
 „ PHINEAS RYRIE.  
 „ ALEXANDER PALMER MACEWEN.  
 „ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.  
 „ JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK.  
 „ HO KAI, M.B., C.M.

ABSENT:

The Honourable the Colonial Treasurer, (ALFRED LISTER), on account of sickness.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 9th June, were read and confirmed.

Read the following Minutes under the hand of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government:—

(1.)

F. FLEMING.

C. O. Desp.  
31 of 1890.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Three thousand Dollars, (\$3,000), to cover the probable expenses of this year in connection with the proposed trigonometrical survey of Hongkong by Officers of the Royal Engineers.

The total probable cost will be about £3,000.

Government House, Hongkong, 7th June, 1890.

(2.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.  
1306 of 1890.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Three thousand Dollars, (\$3,000), being amount required to be expended in this year for the printing and binding of 200 copies of the new edition of Ordinances of Hongkong.

The total cost will be about \$6,000.

Government House, Hongkong, 9th June, 1890.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that these Minutes, be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Attorney General seconded.

His Excellency addressed the Council on the Minute in connection with the proposed trigonometrical survey of the Colony.

Question—put and agreed to.

VOTES PASSED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Acting Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee, dated the 9th June, (No. 11), and moved that the following Votes referred to therein be passed, viz.:—

C.S.O.  
1247 of 1890.

For the salary of Musketry Instructor and Storekeeper of Police, .....	\$ 420.67
Half pay during the voyage, and full pay from the date of his arrival at \$60 per month.	
From 10th April to 22nd May half pay.	
From 23rd May to end of the year full pay.	
Improving the drainage of the Italian Convent, .....	\$ 500.00
Compassionate allowance to the mother of the late Chinese Police Constable No. 265, KEUNG TIM,	\$ 63.00
Additional salary to First Wardmaster in the Government Civil Hospital at \$10 per month, for Six months of 1890, .....	\$ 60.00

The Attorney General seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND CONSOLIDATE THE LAW RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS.—The Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR AND REGULATE THE SUPPLY OF WATER IN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG AND FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF THE WORKS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.—The Attorney General moved the second reading of this Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

The Attorney General moved that the Council resolve itself into Committee to consider the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Honourable C. P. CHATER moved as an amendment, that the Bill be referred to a Special Committee which was agreed to without a division.

The Attorney General moved that the following Members form the Special Committee:—

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

THE COLONIAL TREASURER.

THE ACTING REGISTRAR GENERAL.

HON. A. P. MACEWEN.

HON. C. P. CHATER.

HON. HO KAI.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE No. 4 OF 1865 RELATING TO OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON.—The Attorney General moved the second reading of this Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported without amendment.

Council resumed.

The Attorney General moved the third reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

BILL ENTITLED THE MAGISTRATES' ORDINANCE, 1890.—Council in Committee on the Bill.

Progress reported.

Council resumed.

Honourable P. RYRIE gave notice that at the next Meeting of the Council he would move for the following:—

(a.) *A return of the cost of the completed Lighthouses of the Colony.*

(b.) *The yearly expenditure for upkeep, wages and material, from the date of their completion to the 31st December, 1889.*

(c.) *A return showing the receipts, yearly, from "Light dues" from the time of their imposition to the 31st December, 1889.*

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Monday, the 23rd instant, at 3 PM.

F. FLEMING,

*Officer Administering the Government.*

Read and confirmed, this 23rd day of June, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,

*Acting Clerk of Councils.*